

Churches Under Christ Newsletter

November 1, 2019

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and one and only head of HIS churches.

A ministry under the authority of Charity Baptist Tabernacle, Amarillo TX, Pastor Ben Hickam.

Purpose of the ministry: To Glorify God in helping churches organize totally under the Lord Jesus Christ and operate according to New Testament Church Doctrine.

This conflict between the establishment and God's people and churches has always been one of authority.

- Matthew 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
- Ephesians 1:22 "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church."
- Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Dr. Greg Dixon, Champion of Churches Under Christ and Leader of the Biblical Law Center

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IN MEMORY OF DR. GREG DIXON

DR. GREG DIXON: TRIBUTE DVD

As most of you know, Dr. Greg Dixon, a hero of the faith, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Dr. Dixon was my great friend and mentor, a man of God who I greatly loved and respected. He loved the Lord's churches and devoted himself to the cause of organizing churches under the Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ. He invited me to work as legal counsel for the Biblical Law Center in 2005. Since then,

working with Dr. Dixon, I have devoted myself to helping churches organize under Christ and Christ alone. With the Lord's and your help, this great cause will continue.

The following e-mail from Brother Henry Long on October 22, 2109 says it better than I ever could. "Prayers, Blessings And Condolences To ALL Of The Family And Friends Of Dr. Greg Dixon; Who I am Very Grateful To, For Guiding me And Showing me The Way To establish A TRUE Church Of And For The LORD; As The HEAD And CORNERSTONE Of The FAITH And NOT The State. To Be Absent from The Body Is The Be PRESENT With The LORD; A Genuine Warrior And Solider Of The LORD, Will Be Greatly Missed; But Forever Will Be Held In High ESTEEM In my Heart For The Duration Of My Stay On This Earth. HALLELUJAH !!! I Hear The ANGELS Singing; Glory, Glory; WELL Done True And Faithful SERVANT, WELL Done. Yours In Christ, For His Glory; Elder/Pastor H.(Bro. Henry) Long."

Dr. Dixon's Obituary.

Funeral of Dr. Greg Dixon (Youtube).

A BRIEF REVIEW OF SOME DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING OCTOBER 2019

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The above is just a sampling of activities in October, 2019. I left town on October 23, 2019 to attend Dr. Dixon's funeral. From there I went to South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama to visit friends and relatives. As a result, this month's Newsletter is published a couple of days late.

In October 2019 I worked with pastors, churches, and other believers to include the following:

- 1. October 1, 2019: Call from a deacon of a church in western Nebraska. They are interested in getting out of 501c3 corporate status. We talked for some time and I gave him the name of a church and pastor in Nebraska which now is organized as a church under Christ using a Declaration of Trust.
- 2. October 1, 2019: Call from a man who is interested in the trust. He, his family, and one other individual now live in property once used by an incorporated 501c3 church.... The property is also now used for some business activity. He wants to buy the property. I explained that the first consideration is Biblical. The church must first be ordered according to New Testament church principles. Only then can this ministry proceed to help the church establish a relationship with property (real and personal, personal property to include money and bank account). I explained that religious property tax exemption for religious purposes requires that the property be used for religious purposes only, that the property cannot be used for business purposes, etc.
- 3. October 4, 2019: Call from pastor in Pennsylvania to whom I have been discussing church organization since July, 2019. Some members wanted to know if there was a nearby church which is already organized as we recommend. Gave him the name of a nearby Pastor and church in Pennsylvania who established the trust relationship by adopting the Resolution and Declaration of Trust years ago.
- 4. October 7, 2019: Published The Church May, and God Will, Hold the Trustee to Account.

- 5. October 17, 2019: Conference call with pastor and other church members in Virginia church which is preparing to execute trust documents.
- 6. October 17, 2019: Contacted by a Pastor in California who wishes to look into organizing a New Testament Church.

Featured Sermons, Essays, and Books

Sermons: Go to <u>Bible Studies which explain the Doctrine of the Church</u>. A born again church member who understands that doctrine will never be satisfied with corporate 501(c)(3) status or any other legal status which compromises a church's love for the Savior. The main thrust of these studies is to show that a church who claims to be a church under Christ should never become part of the legal system (a church established under man's law). One may disagree with these studies on some matters as related to the Bible doctrine of the church, the Bible doctrine of government, and/or the Bible doctrine of separation of church and state; but we can still work together if we agree that a church should refuse to subject herself to man's law through incorporation, 501(c)(3) or 508 status, unincorporated association status, or by any other means. One should be able to support his belief in separation of church and state with Bible reasoning. It helps to also understand the history and meaning of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. See The History of the First Amendment.

Article published in October: The Church May, and God Will, Hold the Trustee to Account.

Links to short teachings on questions important to churches under Christ: Short Answers to Some Important Questions.

For answers to false arguments given by uninformed pastors and "Christian" Attorneys for church corporate 501(c)(3) status, see <u>Separation of Church and State/God's Churches: Spiritual or Legal Entities?</u>

Books by Jerald Finney are free online in PDF, online form, and Kindle, and may be ordered. Go to the <u>free online</u>, <u>PDF and order page for books by Jerald Finney</u>.

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